

REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF SHARON,
FOR THE YEAR, ENDING MARCH 5TH, 1855.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Sharon, for the year ending March 5, 1855, report as follows :—

There has been more business the present year than is customary to come before the Board in one year. The town line has been preambulated, the marks renewed, and the monuments re-set where needed, and a record of the same made on our books, and the necessary documents filed with the Town Clerk.

We have also been called upon by petition, to lay out a road by Enoch Bullard's, which duty we have performed, and laid the same before the town, at the April meeting, where it was accepted. We have laid out for the widening of the road leading from the meeting-houses to Massapoag Pond. A plan of the same was made, and the amount of land taken, and the awards of damage were filed with the Town Clerk, as required by law. We also caused the bridge near Phillip Withington's to be re-laid, as it was considered dangerous for the public travel.

We will here state that but very small sections of our roads would stand an action at law, as they are not so wide as the law requires, and are not clear of obstructions by the wayside that will occasion damage. And we would recommend that the Surveyors of Ways report to the Selectmen those sections that are liable to complaint in their respective ricks, and that the town make extra appropriations, from year to year, of such an amount as in their judgment be deemed sufficient to put the most dangerous sections in safe condition for the traveling public. The time is fast approaching when more will be required for our roads, and we had better meet it by small ap-

proportions yearly in addition to our usual grant, than to be obliged to meet it all at once. Railings are needed for almost every bridge in town; and we would particularly call the attention of those concerned, to that matter.

Many of the guide-boards in town are defaced, and ought to be re-painted; and a new one is wanted (as it has been destroyed by some ruthless hand) where the road by the Freight Depot intersects with the Foxboro' road.

In pursuance to a vote of the town, authorizing the Selectmen to appoint some person as Agent for the sale of spirituous liquors in the town, and in conformity to an Act in the Statutes of 1852, concerning the same, we appointed Amasa D. Bacon, M. D., to said office. The chairman of the Board objected, and voted against the appointment.

RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER

From March 6th, 1854 to March 3d, 1855.

Balance on hand March 6th, 1854	\$162 43
Received from Trustees of Dorchester and Surplus	
Revenue S. Fund	150 97
" " " " Sharon Friend School	
Fund	94 10
" " Commonwealth School Fund	56 88
" " " " for support of State	
Paupers	25 55
" Town and State Tax, balance of 1853	98 87
" " " " for 1854	4,269 87
" District taxes for incidentals	147 09
" from Hawkers and Pedlers	6 00
" " Overseers of the Poor	203 17
" " Town Agent, for liquor sold	82 44
" on Treasurer's Notes, (money borrowed)	1,600 00
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	\$6,897 37

P A Y M E N T S

Made by the Treasurer from March 6, 1854, to March 3, 1855.

On orders of the Selectmen	\$5,143 45
“ “ Center District Com.	94 73
Alfred B. Stone, for collecting South District Tax and Remit.	4 95
On expenses of court, on road complained of by E. S. Smith	10 67
Tax on Town Farm	14 96
On Surveyor's orders	141 43
Paid Sam'l D. Hixon, services on committee	1 50
“ Freight on Safe, and carting	2 50
“ State Tax	291 00
“ Jabez Talbot, award on land damage	40 00
“ Interest on notes	84 13
“ Notes payable	900 00
Balance on hand in Treasury	168 05
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	\$6,897 37
Bills payable	\$1,223 00
Bills receivable	200 00

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the year ending March 3d, 1855.

S C H O O L S .

The town appropriated one thousand dollars for the support of schools for the municipal year, 1854-5	\$1,000 00
They also have the income of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Fund, for the year	150 97
The income of the Sharon Friend School Fund	94 10
Rec'd from the Commonwealth	56 88
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	\$1,301 95

In pursuance to a vote of the town, the money was apportioned among the Districts as follows:—

The income of the fund equally among the Districts. One sixth of the town appropriation equally among the schools. And the remaining five sixths according to the number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in each District, on the first day of May, 1854.

The Center District had 103 children, and its proportion of money was	\$479 61
The East District had 53 children, and its proportion of money was	275 32
The West District had 43 children, and its proportion of money was	240 01
The North District had 26 children, and its proportion of money was	179 99
The South District had 11 children, and its proportion of money was	127 02
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	\$1,301 95

CENTER DISTRICT.

Josiah Johnson, P. Committee.

Balance due March 6, 1854	147 17	
Appropriation	479 61—	\$626 78
Paid Miss A. L. B. Deanes, for teaching Grammar School, 14 weeks		\$52 50
" Miss Sarah W. Talbot, for teaching Primary School, 14 weeks		35 00
" Calvin Turner, for boarding teachers		56 00
" Abner Fairbanks, for wood		27 00
" Phillip Sherman, for cutting wood		11 00
" J. N. Camp, for teaching Gram. Sch'l, 14 w'ks		105 00
" A. D. Bacon, for boarding teacher		42 00
Balance due March 3, 1855		298 28
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		\$626 78

Due from the above balance, for Sarah W.

Talbot, teaching primary school	\$39 00
For Calvin Turner, boarding teacher	26 00
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	\$65 00

EAST SCHOOL.

Richard Johnson, P. Committee.

Balance due March 6, 1854	73 60	
Appropriation	275 32—	\$348 92
Paid Mary N. Howard, teaching 16 weeks		\$40 00
“ Mary Gannett, boarding teacher		24 00
“ for fuel		21 00
“ Lewis M. Wing, teaching 16 weeks		125 00
“ Mary Gannett, boarding teacher		44 00
Balance due March 3, 1855		94 92
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		\$348 92

WEST SCHOOL.

Benjamin Rhoades, P. Committee.

Balance due March 6, 1854	368 00	
Appropriation	240 01—	\$608 01
Paid Erastus Brown, for teaching and board		\$126 00
“ Ellen McKendry “ “		144 00
“ Joseph Billings, for fuel		18 88
Balance due March 3, 1855		319 13
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		\$608 01
Due from the above balance, to R. C.		
Barrett, teaching and board		\$140 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

H. O. Weld, P. Committee.

Balance due March 6, 1854	76 14	
Appropriation	127 02—	\$203 16
Paid Ellen J. Monk, for teaching 16 weeks		\$32 00
“ George F. Howard, for boarding, 16 weeks		32 00
“ William E. Hewins, for fuel		12 81
“ Gustavus A. Stanley, for teaching, 12 weeks		90 00
Balance due March 3, 1855		36 35
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		\$203 16

Due from the above, to Charles T. Howard,
ard, for boarding teacher \$30 00

NORTH SCHOOL.

Benjamin P. Fuller, Committee.

Balance due March 6, 1854	117 50	
Appropriation	179 99—	\$297 49
Paid Jeanette Green, for teaching		\$40 00
“ B. P. Fuller, for boarding teacher		26 56
“ Jeanette Green, for teaching and board		99 82
“ David Orcutt, for wood		18 00
Balance due March 3, 1855		113 11
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		\$297 49

Total amount due the Districts, Mar. 3, '55 \$879 79

Cost of schools the past year \$1,147 19

HIGHWAYS, TOWNWAYS AND BRIDGES.

At the last annual meeting, in March 1854, the town voted to raise the sum of one thousand dollars, to be expended on the Highways; the same to be raised in money, and expended by five Surveyors of Ways, one for each District, and apportioned among the Districts according to the valuation.

SURVEYORS OF WAYS.

Ellis Johnson, Center District expenditures	\$324 90
Amos W. Barden, North District expenditures	168 35
H. A. Lothrop, East District expenditures	180 94
Daniel Pettee, West District expenditures	161 79
Wm. E. Hewins, South District expenditures	155 00
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	\$990 98
Extra expenditures in Center District.—Relaying a bridge	\$16 00
Extra expenditures in North District.—Repairing J. Smith road	36 83
Relaying the bridge near Phillip Withington's	44 34
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	\$97 17

NEW ROADS.

The new road that was laid out by the Selectmen, on petition of Enoch Bullard, and others, by the side of Bullard's house, and accepted by the town at their April meeting, has been finished and accepted by the Selectmen.

The damage awarded to Jabez Talbot, and accepted by him	\$40 00
The damage awarded to E. Bullard, and accepted by him	100 00
The damage awarded to B. P. Fuller, and not ac- cepted by him	100 00
Paid Geo. Talbot, for building and grading the road	253 85
Expense of laying out the same, and survey	12 00
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	\$505 85

Benjamin P. Fuller did not refuse to accept of the award up to January, 1855. And the first notice the town received was a copy of the petition of the said Fuller, to the County Commissioners, praying that they may call on a jury to award his damage; and notifying the Selectmen to appear at Dedham, February 1st, to show cause why the same should not be granted him.

It was finally agreed to leave it out to a committee of three: Nathaniel F. Safford, Dorchester, Joel Talbot, Stoughton, Charles H. French, Canton; in whose hands it now is.

The road which was complained of by E. L. Smith, near Jacob Smith's, on Moose hill, has been repaired to his acceptance, and taken out of court.

Expense of repairs	\$36 83	
Expense at court	10 67	-----\$47 50

Amount claimed by the said Smith was \$500.

Settled with Franklin Bisbee, and paid him, as per contract, for widening his dam, &c.	\$345 90
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Also paid him for lumber to repair bridge	18 25
	<u>\$364 15</u>

EXPENSE OF REMOVING SNOW.

Paid	James Carpenter	\$19 19
"	Nathan Cobb	8 50
"	Benj. F. Reynolds	15 75
"	Joseph Hewins, Jr.	16 62
"	Daniel Pettee	11 26
"	Albert Richards	11 10
"	Patrick McManners	22 24
"	George N. Richard	8 19
"	George F. Howard	17 25
"	Barnabas D. Capen	4 00
"	Jedediah Snow	6 72
"	Lewis W. Morse	28 87
"	Jeremiah Holmes	4 50
"	Mace Hixon	14 50
"	Sam G. Fuller	23 00
"	George W. Barden	3 00
"	Willard G. Estey	2 50
"	Lewis Gould	15 00
"	Abijah Tisdale	6 75
"	George Plympton	5 97
"	Reuben Clapp	5 50
"	Joseph Billings	1 25
"	Asahel S. Drake	6 50

\$258 16

Total expenditures on roads, bridges, and high-ways	\$1,321 66
Bridges and dam	424 49
Selectmen's services, laying out roads	20 00
Elijah Hewins, bill of surveys, &c.	20 67
Removing snow	258 16
Cost of court	10 67
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	\$2,055 65

EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

Asahel S. Drake	\$97 90	
Extra expense	15 50	113 40
William R. Mann	50 88	
Extra expense	4 00	54 88
George W. Gay	58 45	
Extra expense	3 16	61 61
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		\$229 89

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Otis Johnson	53 69
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Collector of Taxes.

H. A. Lothrop	129 66
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Constable.

Lucas Johnson	6 00
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Pound Keepers.

Benjamin F. Raynolds	50	
William R. Mann	75	1 25

School Committee.

Lebbeus R. Phillips	21 00
Mylon Merriam	23 50
Elijah Hewins	

Agent for the sale of Liquors.

Amasa D. Bacon, M. D.	20	00
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Committee on Accounts.

Charles Hixon	75	
Lemuel D. Hewins	75	
Daniel Pettee	75	2 25

ACCOUNT OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS

Bought and sold for the town, from June 3, '54, to Mar. 3, '55.

Paid for liquors and carting	93	19
" five demijohns	4	00
Rec'd for liquors sold	82	44
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	\$10	75

ASAHEL S. DRAKE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WILLIAM R. MANN,	
GEORGE W. GAY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Sharon.</i>

REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Municipal year ending March 1st, 1855.

At the commencement of our term of office, we engaged Joseph W. Morse and wife to superintend the Alms House and Farm for one year, for the sum of \$240.

Also employed Doct. A. D. Bacon, to attend upon all persons assisted by the town of Sharon, within the distance of ten miles, needing his professional services, for one year, for the sum of \$25.

The Town Farm contains 98 acres of land — divided as follows:—

- 10 acres of Meadow
- 18 acres of Mowing and Tillage
- 25 acres of Pasture
- 45 acres of Unimproved.

On which is situated the Alms House and Barn. The house is old, and in bad condition; the barn is large, and in good repair.

The cost of the Farm to the town when purchased was \$2,500.

TOWN FARM, DR.

To Inventory as per Book, March 1st, 1854	914 26
“ Superintendent’s salary	240 00
“ A. D. Bacon for medical attendance	25 00
“ Jacob Shepard’s bill of lumber and work	26 62
“ One pair of oxen	96 00
“ Balance on two cows	35 00
“ Carriage and cart	107 00
“ Horse hay rake	7 50
“ Manure fork, axe, &c.	4 17

To Blacksmith bill	10 85
“ Coffin for E. Hill	8 50
“ Taxes on farm	14 96
“ Interest on cost of farm and utensils	205 14
“ Two swine	6 00
“ Extra work on farm	32 93
“ Debtor side of Superintendent's book	224 59
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	\$1958 52

TOWN FARM, CR.

By Inventory March 1st 1855	1,382 56
“ Credit side Superintendent's book	279 91
“ Balance on oxen	25 00
“ * Improvements — labor on dam	13 00
“ * Improvements — J. Shepard's bill	26 62
“ Bill due from the Commonwealth	14 84
“ 246 weeks' board of Paupers at $88\frac{11}{246}$ cts. pr. w'k	216 59
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	\$1,958 52

COST FOR THE SUPPORT OF PAUPERS NOT IN ALMS HOUSE.

For support of Patience Payson	29 25
“ “ “ Elijah Capen†	16 00
“ “ “ Sarah Flahaven†	25 25
“ “ “ Willard Harlow	16 00
“ “ “ Susan Lothrop†	63 95
“ “ “ Harlow family (in Nantucket)	22 00
“ ‡ Aid to the Clasby family	27 62
“ Digging two graves	5 00
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	\$305 07

* Not included in Inventory.

† Now deceased.

‡ A claim for the burial of Mary Clasby is unsettled, and now outstanding against the town.

Received from the town of Taunton	7 50
Value of Susan Lothrop's effects	35 00
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	\$42 50

Making the whole cost to the town for the support of Paupers not in Alms House	\$262 57
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ASAHEL S. DRAKE,	} Overseers of the Poor for the town of Sharon.
WILLIAM R. MANN,	
GEORGE W. GAY,	

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

*Belonging to the town of Sharon, at the Town Farm, March
1st, 1855.*

3½ tons English hay \$20	70 00
7 " meadow hay \$10	70 00
¾ " rye straw \$10	7 50
5 " English hay at Daniel Fuller's \$17	85 00
3 " meadow hay at Daniel Fuller's \$10	30 00
16 baskets corn 56	8 96
2 " seed corn 62½	1 25
2½ bushels corn meal \$1 15	2 88
1½ " spring rye \$1 50	2 25
2 " " rye, unthrashed	1 50
1 " white beans	1 50
½ " " pea beans	1 25
1 horse	75 00
1 yoke oxen	110 00
1 " " at Daniel Fuller's	115 00
4 cows	130 00
1 cow at Daniel Fuller's	25 00
2 swine	20 00
10 fowls	3 33
1 covered wagon	100 00
1 horse hay wagon	5 00
1 ox wagon	8 00

1 ox cart	25 00
1 sleigh	3 00
1 ox sled	2 00
1 wheelbarrow	2 00
1 horse cultivator	3 00
1 harrow, 12 teeth	3 00
1 grasshopper plow	3 00
1 R. N. M. & Co. D No. 2	4 00
4 ox yokes and bows	3 50
2 round point shovels, new	2 21
1 square " " "	88
1 garden spade	50
1 six-tine manure fork	2 50
1 four " " "	1 75
2 hay forks	1 00
1 gravel pick	1 00
3 manure hoes	50
3 garden " new	1 50
2 iron bars	3 00
2 draft chains	3 00
1 pair trace chains	50
1 horse whiffletree and chain	1 00
1 plow whiffletree and chain	75
2 new rakes	75
3 barn "	50
3 pairs cattle cards	35
1 currycomb	10
1 hay cutter and feed trough	11 00
1 grindstone and frame	1 50
2 new scythes	1 33
8 old "	1 50
1 bush "	50
2 new sneaths	1 50
1 old "	17
1 grain cradle	3 00
2 cranbury raker	2 25
3 axes	1 75

2 hatchets	50
1 bill hook	25
1 ring beetle and 2 iron wedges	1 25
2 wood saws	1 84
2 saw horses	50
3 twelve feet ladders	2 88
1 sixteen " "	1 28
6 bushel baskets	1 50
1 2½ bushel basket	50
2 bale baskets 20 cents	40
1 horse hay rake	7 50
1 wagon harness	3 00
1 pair plow hames	1 50
½ M sawed shingles	1 88
1 chest carpenter's tools	7 55
7 cords of pine wood, assorted	22 75
Steelyards	50
4 wash boards	40
5 " tubs 30 cents	1 50
1 pickel barrel	25
3 soap " 25 cents	75
30 flour " 12½ "	3 75
4 meat " 40 "	1 60
6 vinegar " 50 "	3 00
1 molasses barrel and sugar	50
6 doz candles 8½ lbs	1 06
80 gallons soap 12½ cents	10 00
41 bushels potatoes	32 80
1 " carrots	40
1 " beets	40
¼ barrel pickles	2 00
4½ barrels vinegar \$4	18 00
1 " beef	16 00
2 " pork 450 lbs 12½ cents	54 00
¼ " " 50 " 8 "	4 00
115 lbs ham	16 10
45 " lard	6 30

¹ barrel flour	6 00
3 lbs dried apples	30
¹ bushel onions	40
Crockery ware	7 66
Knives, forks and spoons	2 62
Stone ware	2 95
Tin ware	12 61
Glass ware	1 54
Wooden ware	4 99
1 brass kettle	1 50
2 earthen milk pans	30
Iron ware	2 72
Chairs	10 60
Tables and stand	8 75
Bureau, chest and trunks	7 00
2 cooking stoves and 2 air tight stoves	29 32
2 clocks	2 00
1 looking glass	50
1 churn	1 25
Bedsteads and cords	8 67
Beds and bed clothes	66 41
Towels, table cloth, &c.	6 00
Brand, "Sharon Farm"	75
Stencil plate for marking and numbering	1 12

\$1,382 56

